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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 November 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-43 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-43 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 5.6.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1 - 43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Conklin (US 6,735,338).

Regarding claims 1, 40 Conklin '338 discloses "method for interpolating an image between a first and a second image" (i.e. abstract, col. 12, lines 36 - 40), and "forming a vector field composed of a number of motion vectors between the first and second image" (i.e. figs. 3 and 16), and "forming an intermediate image by using the vector field to interpolate values of the associated parameters of the motion vectors and calculating distortion between the formed intermediate image" (i.e. figs. 4 - 6, frame analysis), and "if the distortion is not acceptable, calculating new parameter values" reads on (figs. 4 - 6, frame analysis, and thresholding and error checking routines).

Regarding claims 2 - 4, Conklin '338 discloses, "motion vector represent color and motion information, and interpolation is made for at least one part of the image" (i.e. col. 1, lines 50 - 65, col. 3, lines 10 - 16).

Regarding claims 5 – 7, Conklin '338 discloses, "wherein when forming the intermediate image, values of adjusting parameter are taken into account" (i.e. col. 13, lines 25+).

Regarding claims 8 – 9, 11 – 16, Conklin '338 discloses, "distortion is a sum of error between the formed intermediate image and the image which is desired to be formed" (i.e. figs. 4 and 7, col. 10, lines 64 – col. 11, lines 10).

Regarding claims 10, 17, 18 and 19, the limitations claimed are substantially similar to claim 1, therefore the ground for rejecting claim 1 also applies here.

Regarding claims 20 – 23, Conklin '338 discloses, "calculation of associated parameter values" reads on (fig. 6, col. 8, lines 19 – 24 and col. 9, lines 10 – 15).

Regarding claims 24 - 27, Conklin '338 discloses, "more than one intermediate image is interpolated" (i.e. abstract, lines 1 – 5).

Regarding claims 28 – 33 and 34 - 35, Conklin '338 discloses, "encoder and decoder" (i.e. figs. 1, 3 and 9).

Regarding claims 36 – 39, Conklin '338 discloses, "singular motion vector" (i.e. fig. 3).

Regarding claims 41 – 43, the limitations claimed are substantially similar to claim 1, therefore the ground for rejecting claim 1 also applies here.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Behrooz Senfi** whose telephone number is **(703)305-0132**.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Chris Kelley** can be reached on **(703)305-4856**.

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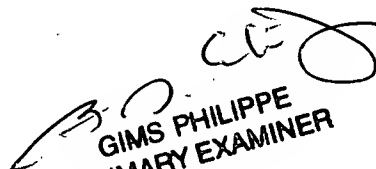
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